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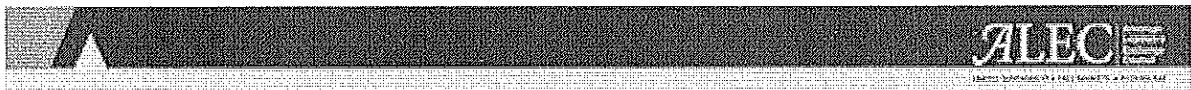
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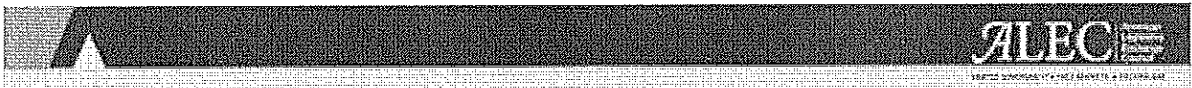
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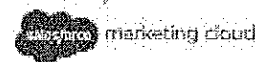
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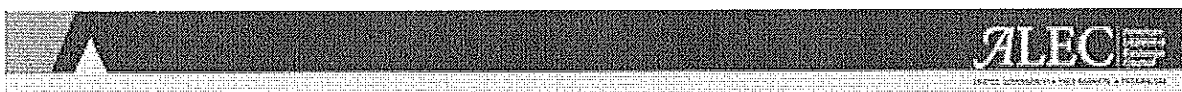


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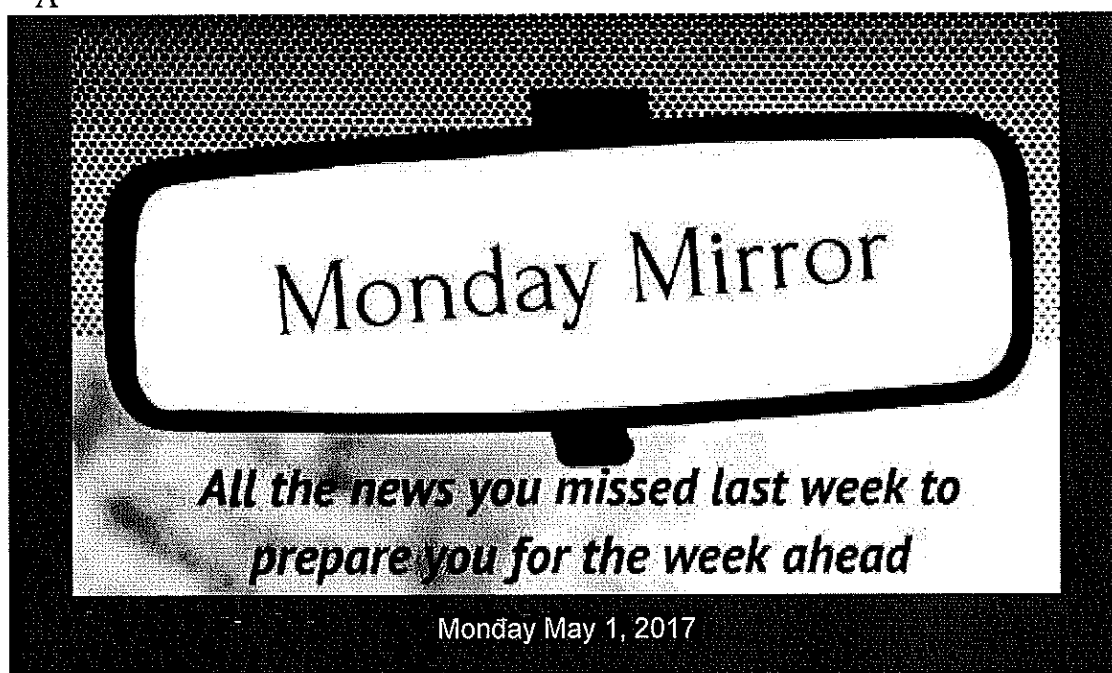
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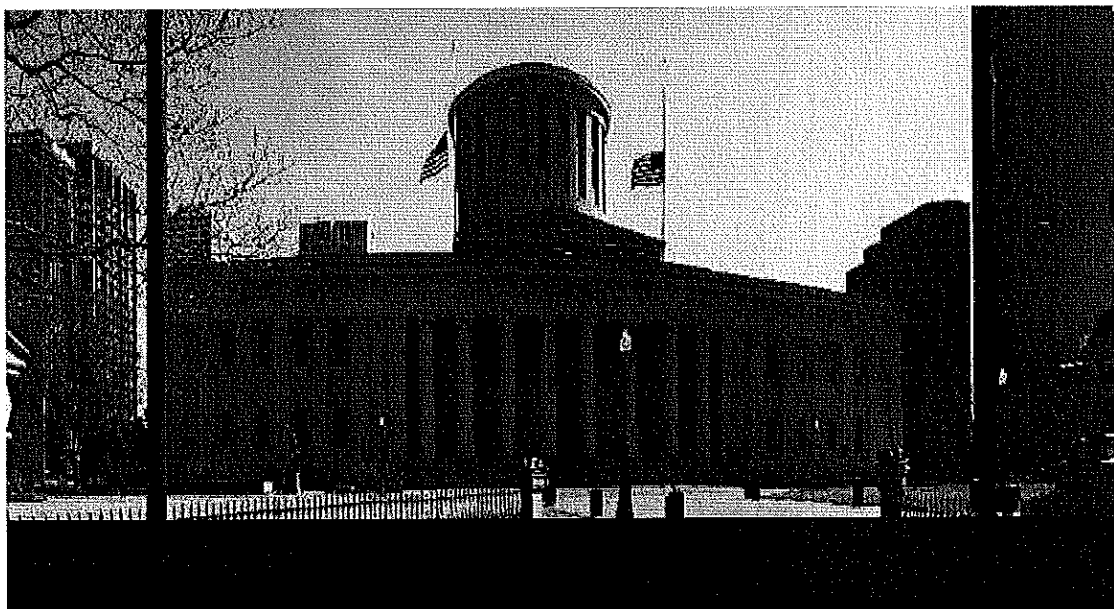
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The Akron ISIS sympathizer arrested plotting to kill US service members **pleads guilty** and will serve up to 20 years.

The Ohio House released its revisions – **over 300 of them** – to the Governor's budget. A vote is expected next week, when the action then turns to the Senate.

An Ohio court **overturns** the Cleveland gun registry.

A **glitch** has nearly 5,000 educators out of the fingerprint system and the state is working to fix it.

**Governor Kasich** will be on **book tour** in state on Saturday.

And, farewell to **Rep. Heather Bishoff** who resigns for a family related move to San Diego and a welcome to newly selected member **Tavia Galonski** of Akron who replaces former **Rep. Johnson**.



The President spoke about Holocaust memorial this week to both the **World Jewish Congress** and later, at the official **Washington event**.

The president releases a **tax reform proposal** even as the debate over an education tax credit continues.

**Senator Brown** this week signed on to two key letters on priorities for the Jewish community in Congress. First, on ensuring needed aid to Holocaust survivors, and the second on the need for a robust **international affairs and foreign aid** budget.

**Senator Portman** leads on **urging** the Education Department to help more high school students get aid in taking college classes.

**Portman**, as the lone Republican, joined **Brown** and nearly 40 colleagues to urge the **EPA's Chicago regional office** remain open.

Count **Jim Jordan** as a **yes** this time around on the Obamacare repeal.

**Reps. Fudge, Ryan, Kaptur and Beatty** move to **increase** opioid funding, and a new **Medicaid rule** may help increase mental health services for those in need.

The Secretaries of **Transportation** and **Housing** were both in Ohio this week.

The Senate confirms secretaries for **Agriculture** and **Labor** as the president nominates a retired Marine to lead the **Secret Service**.

A new **congressional Israel caucus**, co-chaired by Ohio Rep. **Bill Johnson** officially launched this week. At the event, co-chair **Rep. Ron DeSantis** says the president could announce **moving** the US Embassy as early as next month.

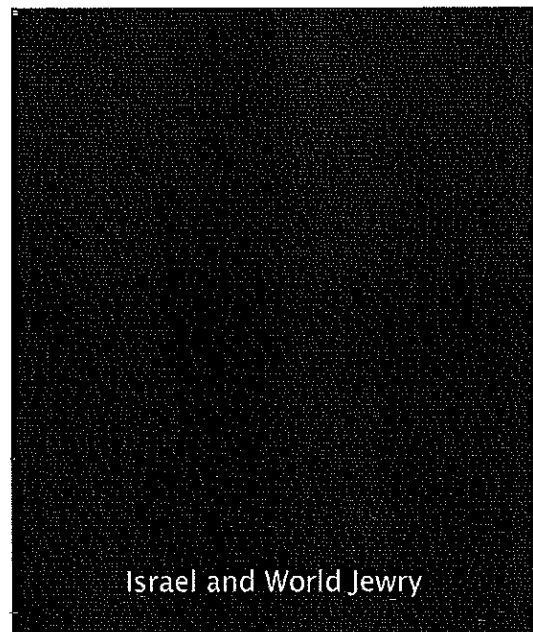
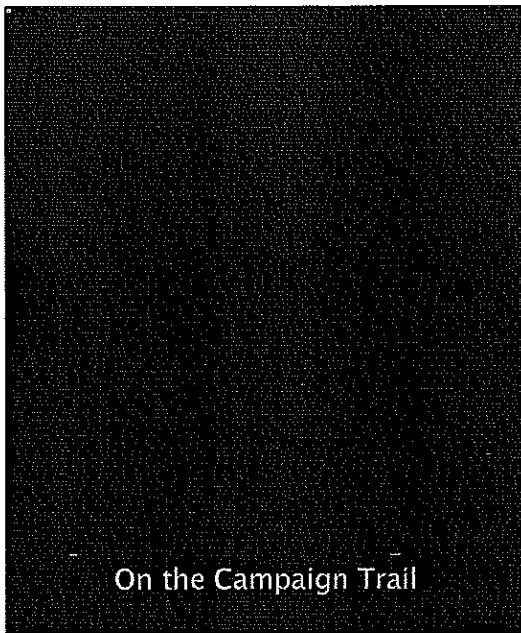
The president announces a new **federal regulatory czar** as well as a **new spokesperson** at Foggy Bottom.

Maggie Haberman takes a look at who the President **asks for advice** outside of the White House.

Politico does a deep dive into the **hidden aspects** of the Iran Deal and speaks with critics in and out of government on the potential consequences.

And, the Toledo Blade gives some kudos to **Secretary DeVos** and **AFT president Weingarten** for some **civil debate**.

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Will **Congressional redistricting** be on the next Buckeye ballot?

**Chairwoman Timken** pledges **neutrality**

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Add Minnesota to the list of states **combating BDS**, and South Carolina is a step closer to **defining anti-Semitism** into law.

in the gubernatorial.

**DNC Chair Tom Perez** says he's focused on Jewish Democrats.

Trumbull County gets a new **GOP chair**.

A new Akron based PAC looks to restore bipartisan government.

And, Georgetown's Lugar Center releases its **bipartisanship index**. A number of Ohioans rank well, including #3 ranked **Senator Portman** and **Reps. Dave Joyce, Steve Stivers, and Jim Renacci** are all in the top 50.

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The Measles vaccine may have saved more lives than previously thought. NYC opens its first new bridge in a half century. And, a new book explores Israel as a global

Israel reportedly made a series of defensive moves into Syria, attacking an arms transfer to Hezbollah and shooting down a **Syrian drone**.

Her Majesty's Government **refuses to "apologize"** for the Balfour Declaration as **Australia** inks an environmental cooperation memo with Israel.

**President Abbas** says the Arab world should have accepted the **1947 partition plan** while **Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** says the **Israeli double-standard** at the UN must end.

Anti-Semitism roils the **UK snap elections** and even hits the **New York City Council** and **CUNY**.

Even as former leader **Marine Le Pen** urges **banning kosher and halal slaughter**, France's National Front ditches the interim party leader over

arms supplier and what that's meant  
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charges of **Holocaust denial**.

The tiny **Jewish community** in Indonesia,  
with the largest Muslim population of  
any country, still feels relatively safe and  
able to practice, though not always in  
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North Korea could face **Chinese  
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As the Technion draws energy in **midair**,  
Foreign Policy asks if Israeli conscription  
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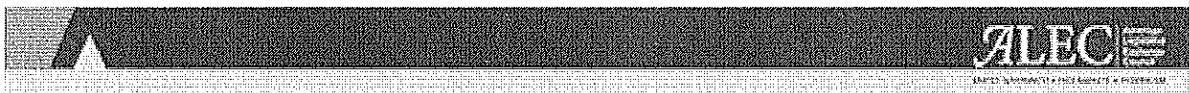


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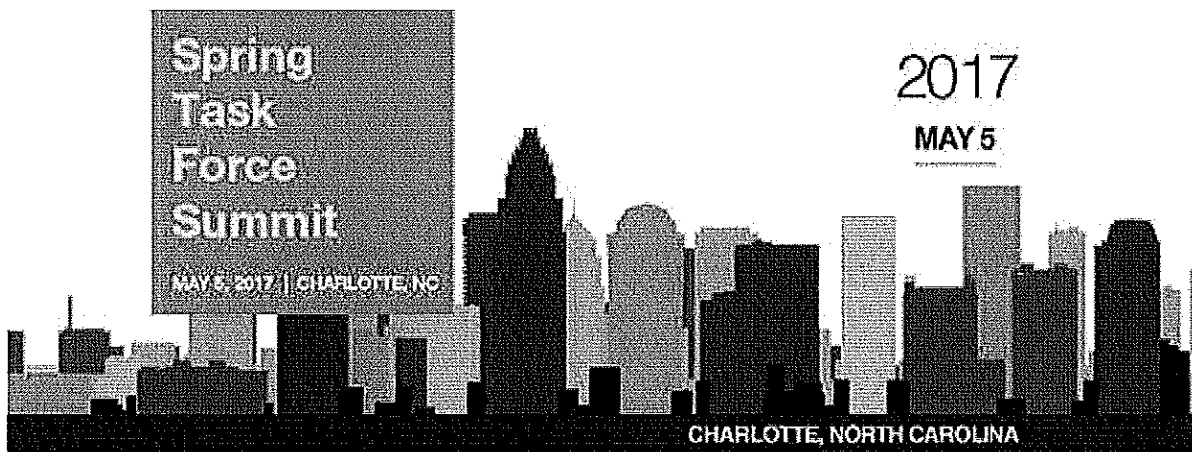
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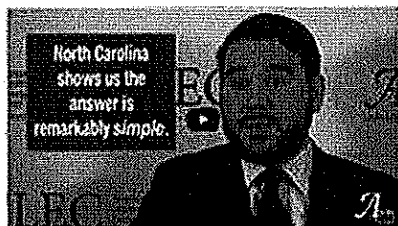


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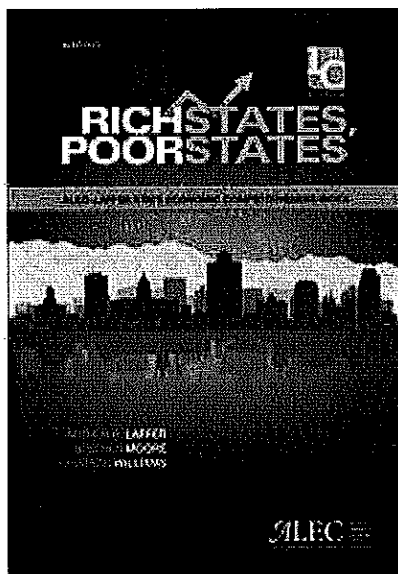


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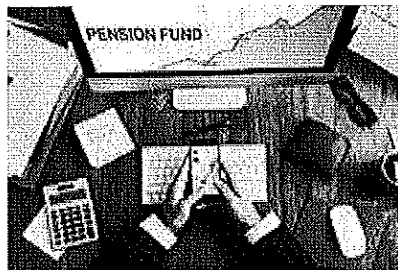
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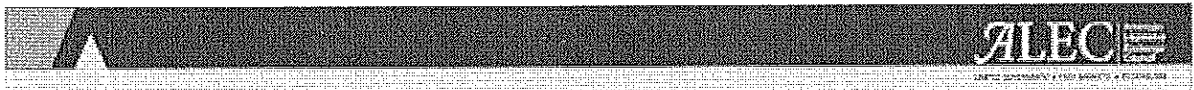
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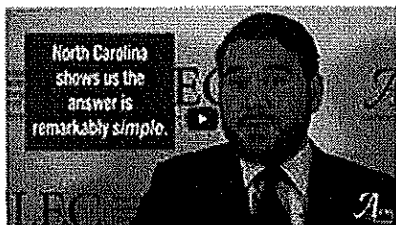


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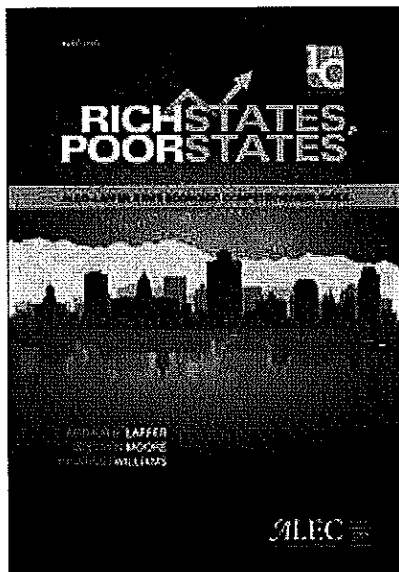


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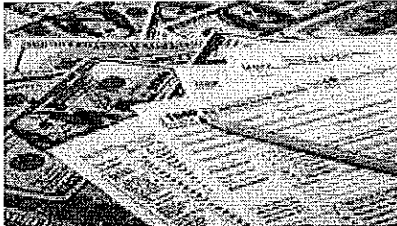


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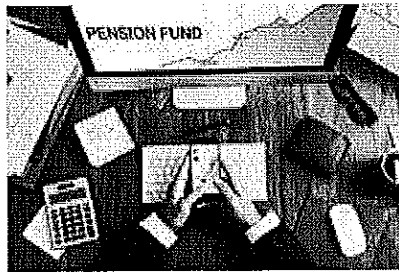


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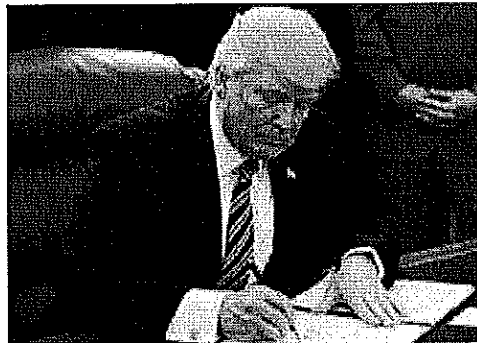
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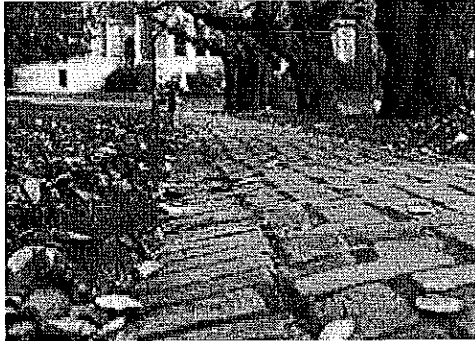
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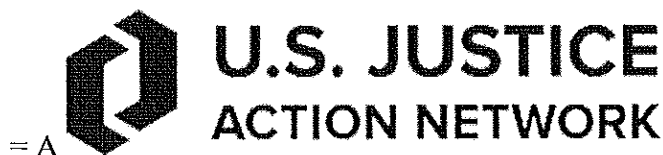
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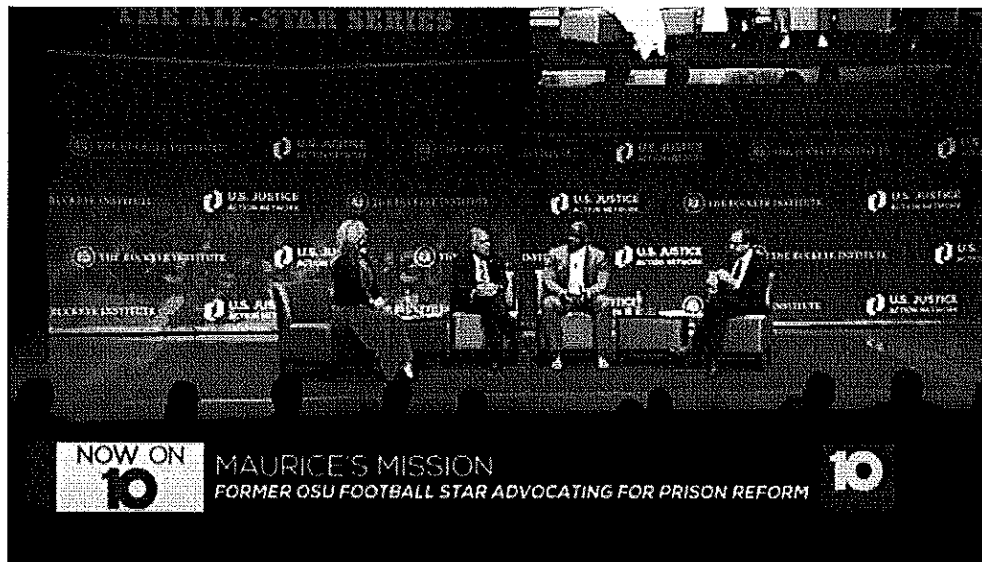
Ohioans are reading about Ohio State University football legend Maurice Clarett's leadership in Columbus once again, this time as an advocate for justice reform. Last week, Clarett joined Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Gary Mohr and the president of The Buckeye Institute, Robert Alt, along with the U.S. Justice Action Network, to share how his personal experience with the justice system motivated him to take action.

**Bleacher Report:** [Maurice Clarett: From football to prison to justice reform advocate](#)

*"Sports are no longer Maurice Clarett's business, or his primary interest, but he can't escape the terminology of the game. The nonprofit he co-founded last year in his native Youngstown, Ohio, to help the city's families and at-risk youth? It's called The Red Zone. He equates the role of warden in a correctional facility with that of a head coach; both, he says, are tasked with developing the skills*

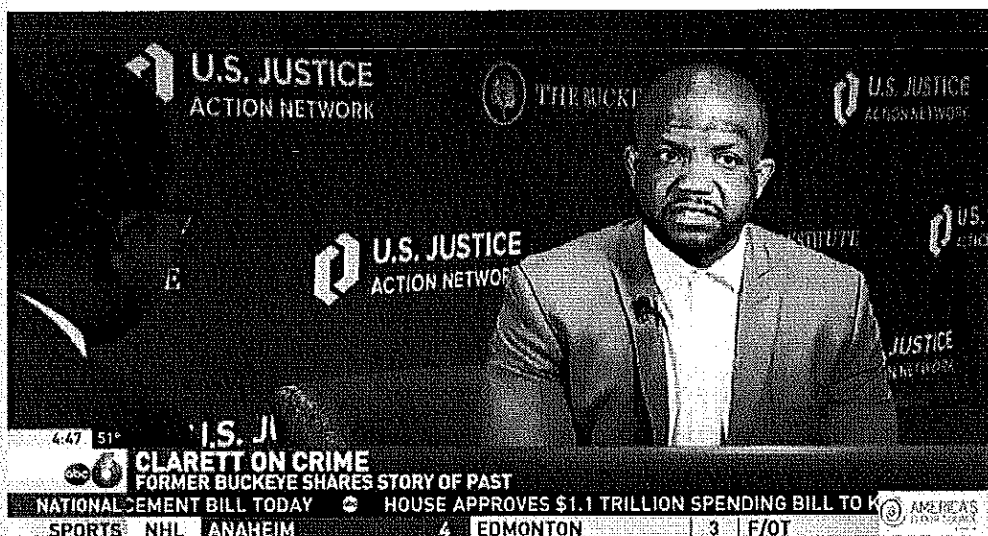
*of the people under their charge. Discussing the social and economic factors that lead to high recidivism rates, he sounds like a pundit scouring a box score: "The numbers," he insists, "don't lie."*

**CBS Columbus (VIDEO):** Maurice Clarett: From fallen football star to prison reform advocate

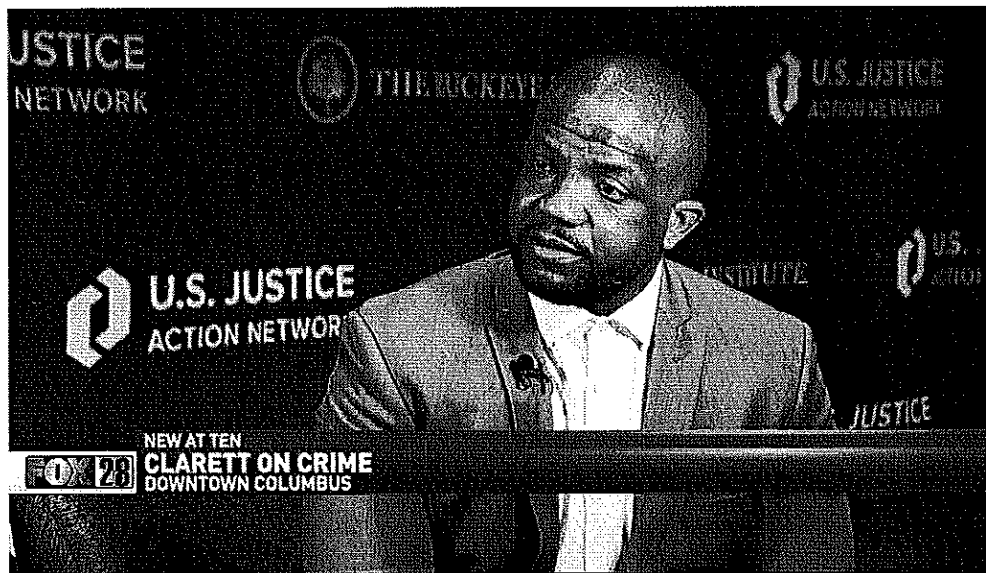


*"Former Buckeye Maurice Clarett joined the Buckeye Institute, the U.S. Justice Action Network and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to urge lawmakers to support reform in justice and prison programs. "One of the best things I did while in prison was work on mind, body, spirit," said Clarett as he spoke openly about his public send-off to prison."*

**ABC Good Day Columbus (VIDEO):** Clarett on Crime: Former Buckeye Shares Story of Past



Fox 28 Columbus (VIDEO): Former OSU star Clarett hopes troubled past can keep others on positive path



*"One thing Clarett can control is his personal story. He shared it during a conversation about smart on crime policies in the criminal justice system. The U.S. Justice Action Network organized the conversation called, Smart Justice. "We're putting too many people behind bars for too long and*

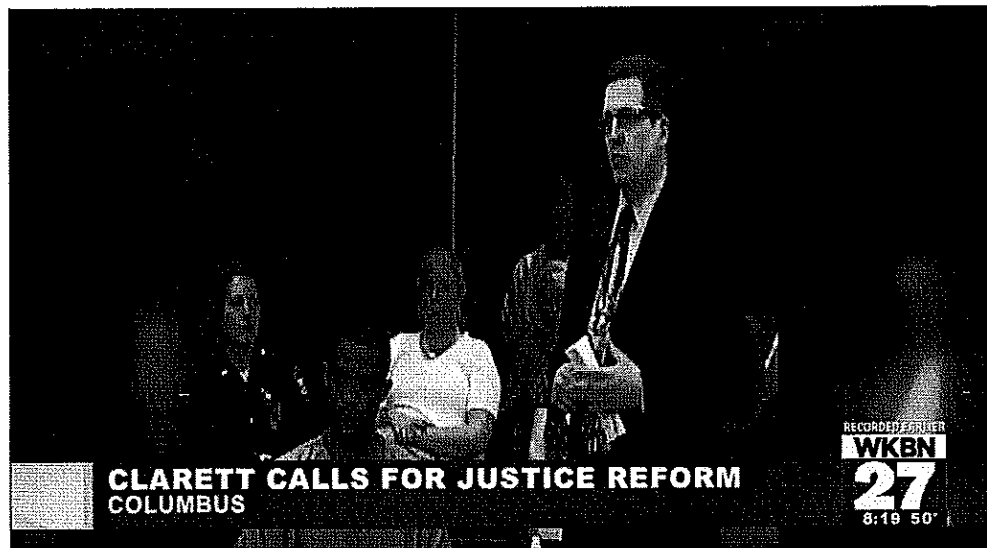


*we're throwing up obstacles to their successful return to society," said Holly Harris, executive director for the U.S. Justice Action Network."*

**NBC4 Columbus (VIDEO):** Former OSU star Maurice Clarett advocates for criminal justice reform

*"Clarett says he aggressively sought help from others in and out of prison. But he says inmates need more access to case workers, social workers and psychologists inside prison and more resources and professional help when they are released from prison. "In this state where we have so many resources, if we just allocate them to professionals being in contact with the most vulnerable people. I think it helped me."*

**CBS Youngstown (Video):** Clarett participates in criminal justice panel



**The Lantern:** Maurice Clarett shares personal experiences in push for Ohio criminal-justice reform

*[Director of Rehabilitation and Correction Gary Mohr] and [President of The Buckeye Institute Robert Alt] each said that many times with politicians, they look at numbers when contemplating criminal-*

*justice reform rather than the faces of those incarcerated. Clarett is a rare case of someone who lost everything and was able to gain part of that back and give back much more to the community than he would have been able to give as an athlete. Clarett and the people of the women's reformatory choir are the faces that Mohr, Alt and all legislators supporting Senate Bill 66 and TCAP want the public to see when considering prison reform. "Maurice has lived it in his almost four years of incarceration. He understands," Mohr said. "He is more influential than any politician because he has lived it and he's real. He doesn't have some facade. He's real. Quite frankly, I think it's much more effective than being a politician because I think Maurice's story is credible."*

**Columbus Dispatch Oped:** Column: Route to 'village' started in Toledo prison cell

*"My arrest and sentencing made national headlines, but a lot of 22-year-old men land in jail for making bad decisions. We should do a better job getting them the help they need, not just lock them away. I wish everyone in prison could find their own Khellah Konteh, someone who can show them the path to rehabilitation, and every prison system could have its own Gary Mohr. Because there is a lot more we all can do to help troubled people find their way back to the village."*



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**WAKR (Arkon) Audio:** [Holly Harris, U.S. Justice Action Network: Justice Reform, Getting Sentencing Right](#)

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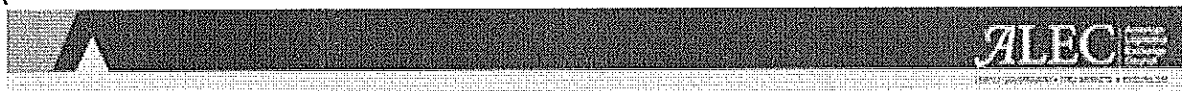
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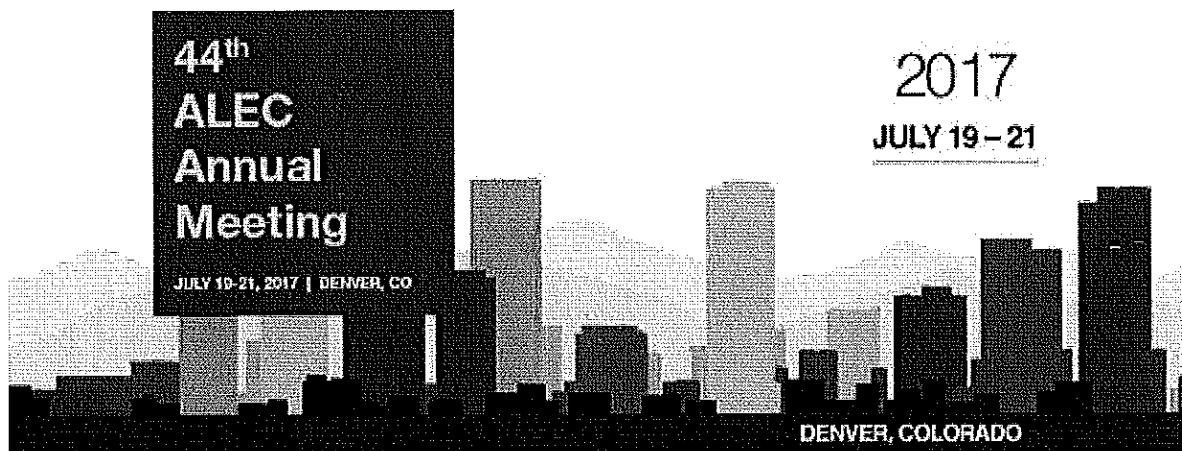
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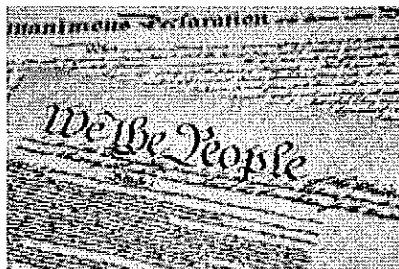
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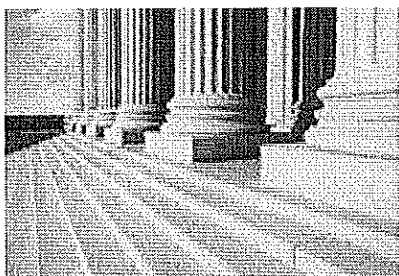
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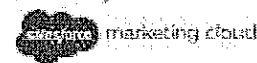
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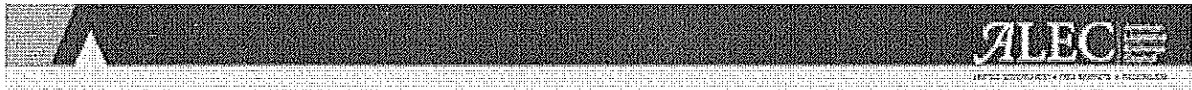
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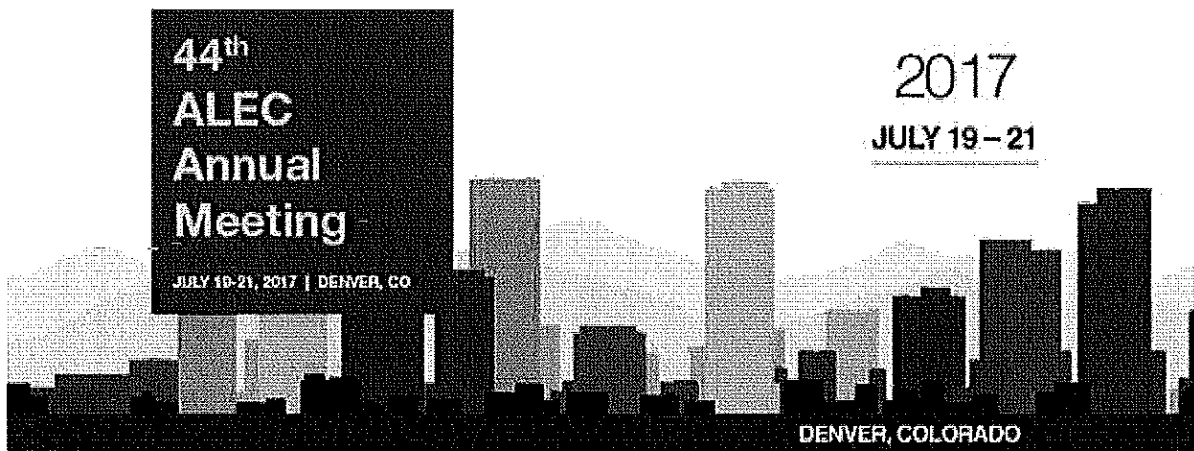
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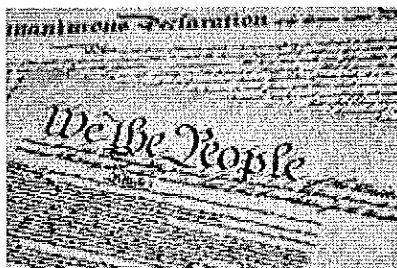


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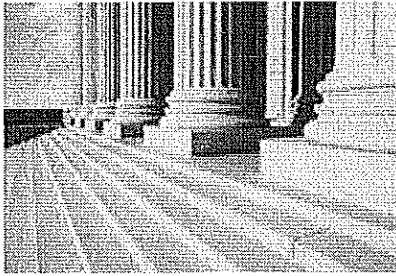


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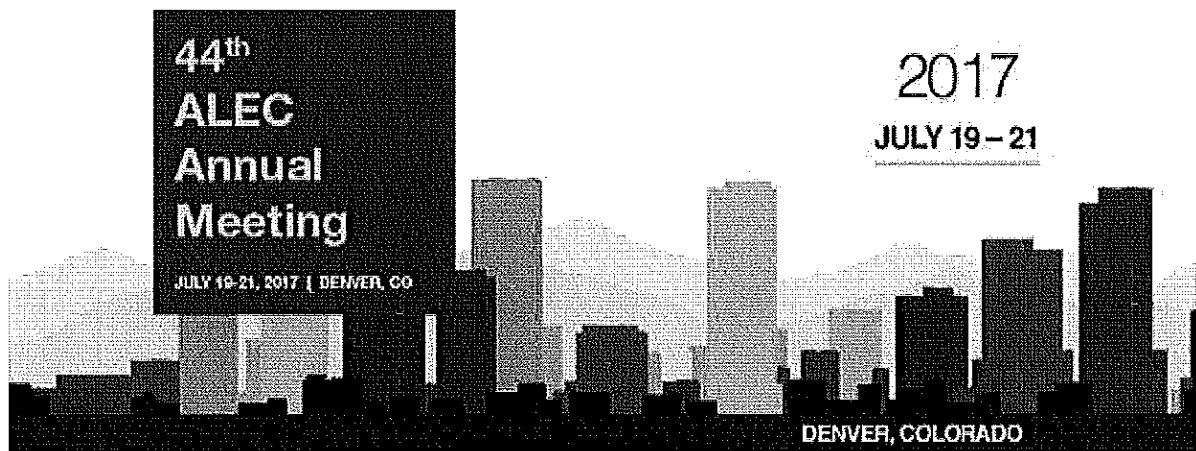
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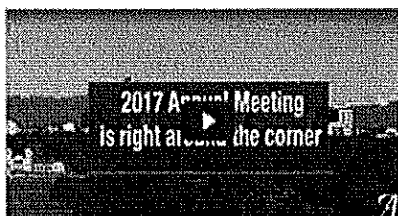
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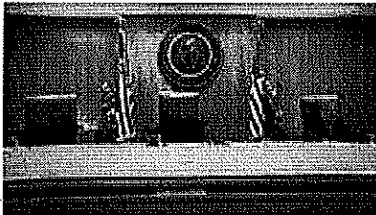
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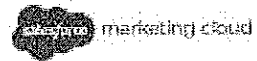


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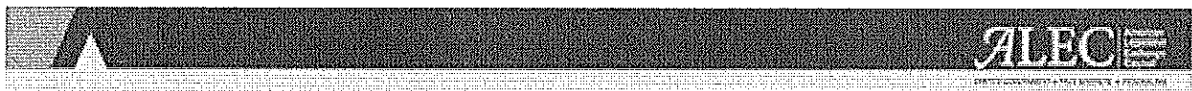
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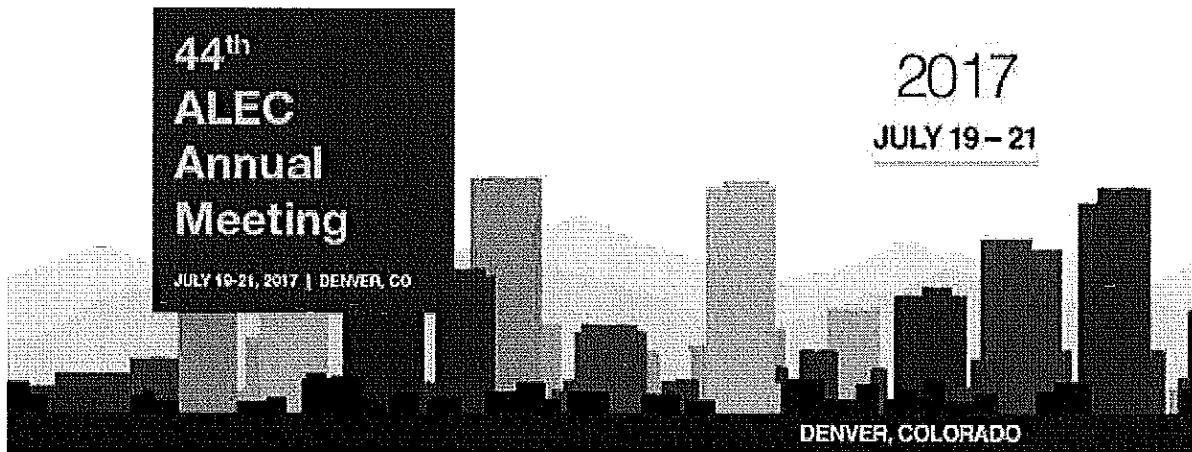
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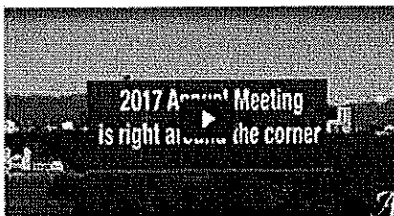
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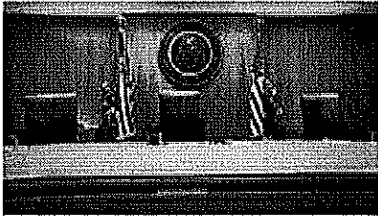


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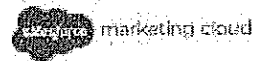


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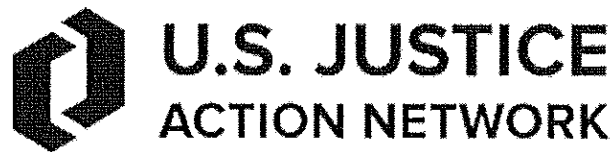
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While Ohio has made some tremendous reforms to its justice system, the state still incarcerates over 51,000 people at a cost to taxpayers of \$70 a person, per day. As we heard from Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Gary Mohr, an expansion of the Targeting Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) program, included in this year's budget, could divert more low-level nonviolent offenders to community-based

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We agree with Robert Alt, President of the Buckeye Institute, that these reforms will make Ohio's justice system more effective and efficient, which means Ohio communities will be safer and taxpayers will get more bang for their buck. So let's pass these reforms, and put Buckeye Nation where it belongs...at the top!

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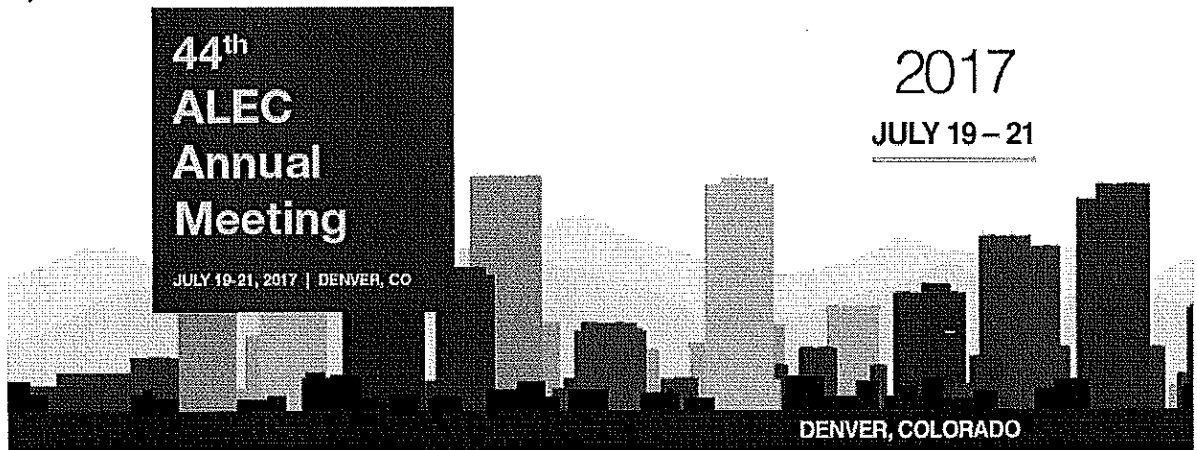
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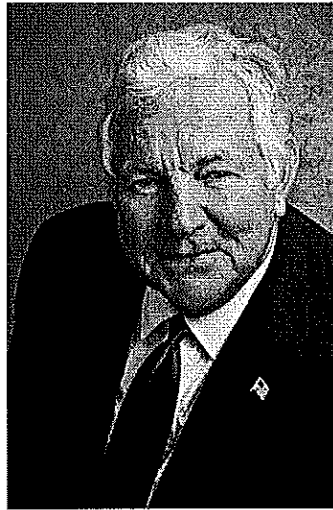
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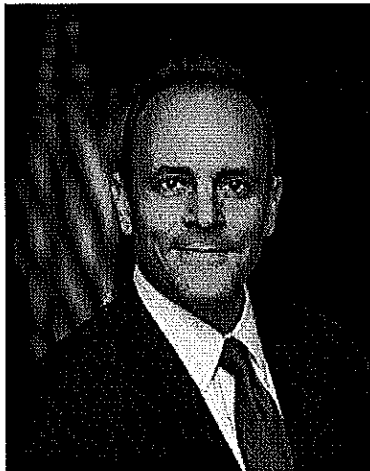
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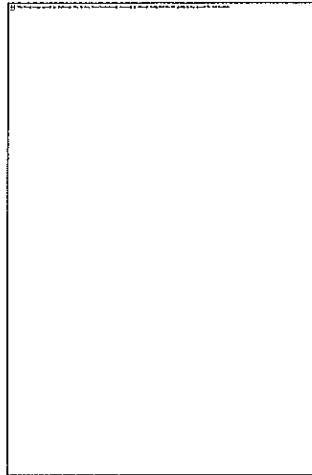


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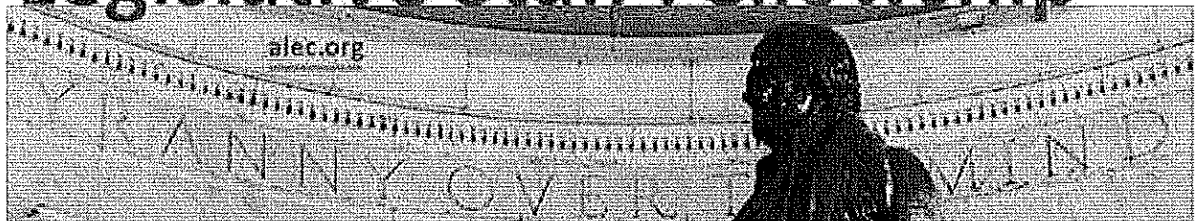
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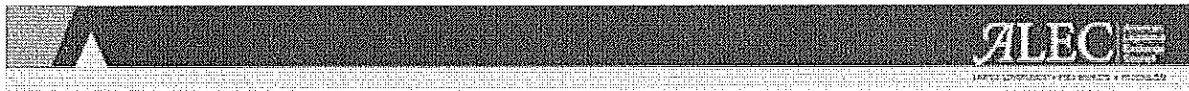
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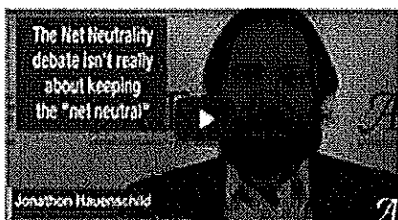
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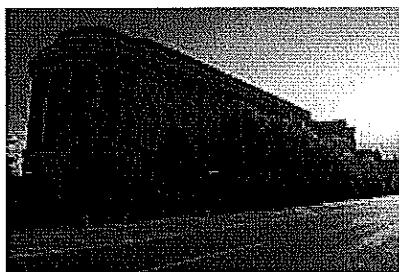
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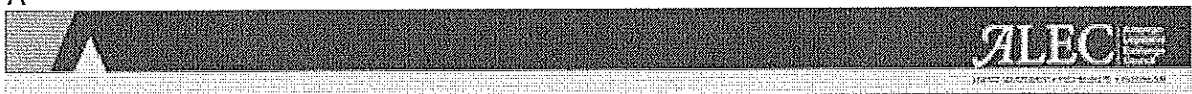
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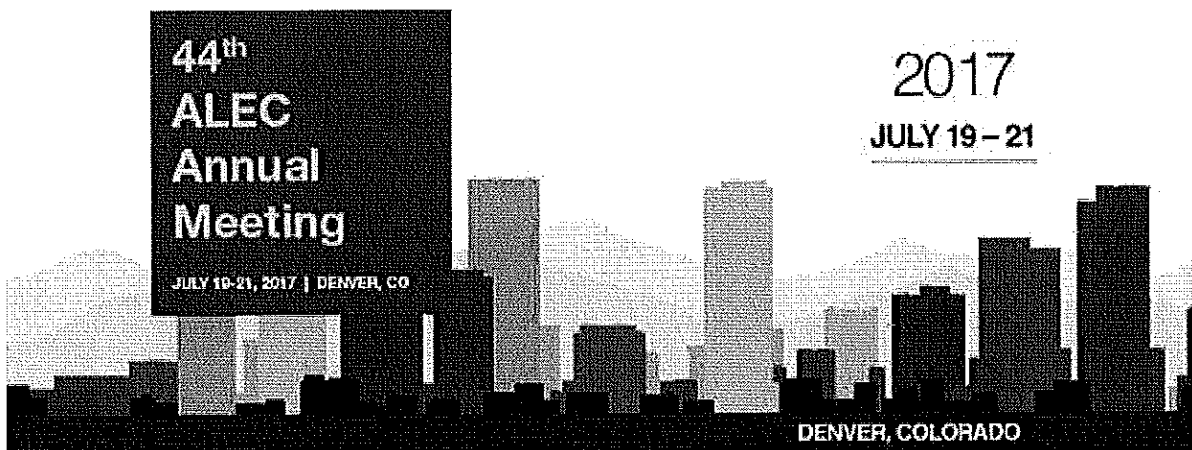
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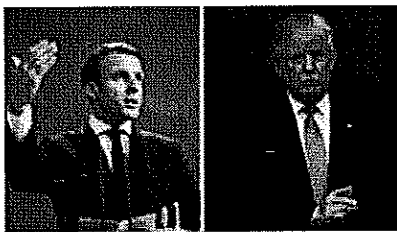
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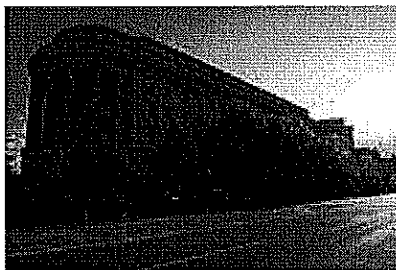
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Join us in Denver as we discuss issues that matter to you and your state! Below are just a few of the many topics that will be discussed.

- What is the scope of prescription drug misuse and abuse and how does it affect our communities?
- What does the next generation of energy technology look like?
- What does the future hold: how do autonomous vehicles impact our lives and how do they impact our communities?

Also, don't miss our incredible speaker lineup with more being announced soon!

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**Early Bird ends on**

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**June 6**

**Don't miss your chance to save!**

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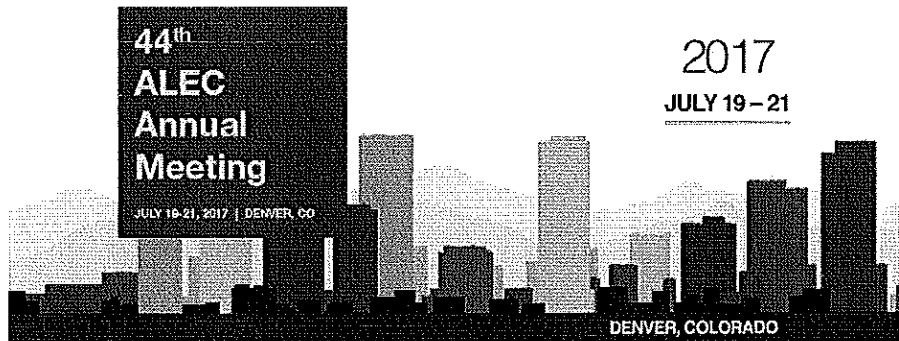


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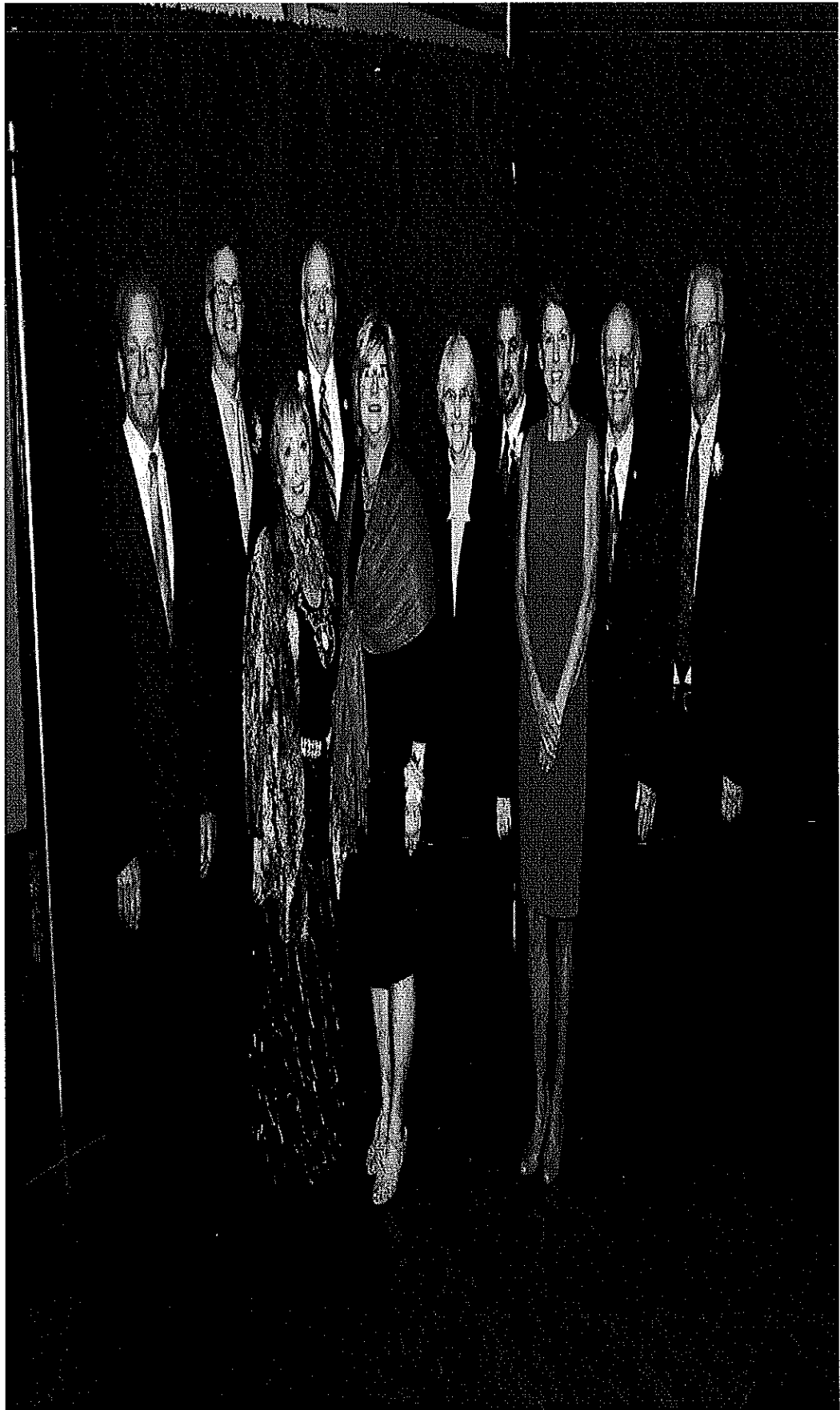


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for the Arts**  
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For the current federal fiscal year, Congress passed and the President signed a budget to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. However, for the next fiscal year, the President's proposal to eliminate the NEA looms. OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins writes about what you can do to protect federal funding for the arts.

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## GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS LUNCHEON PHOTOS

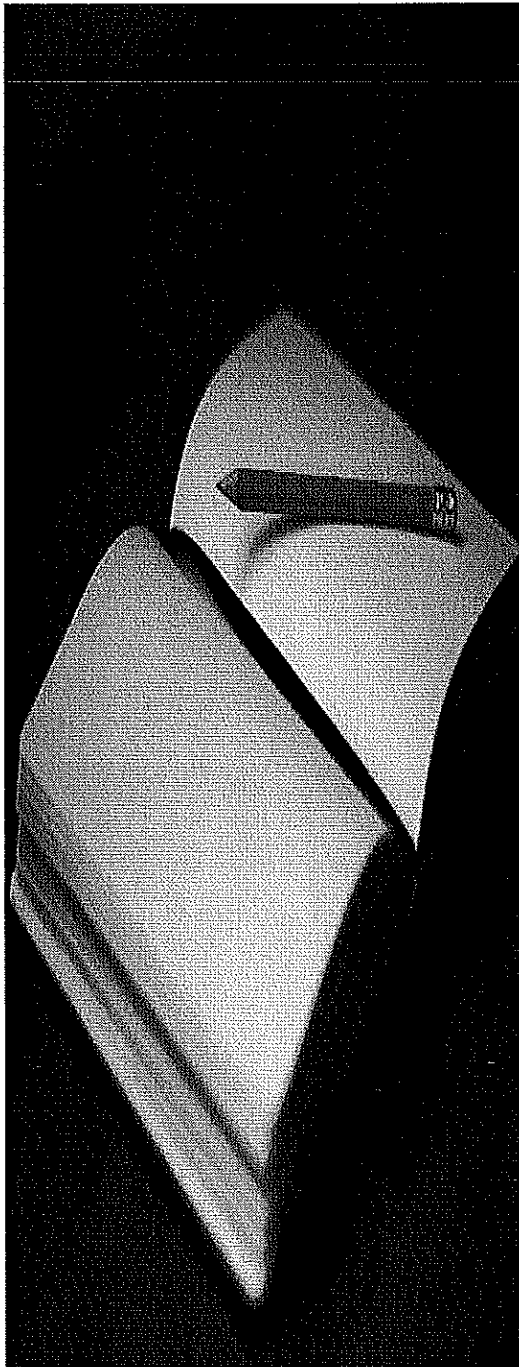
On May 17, nearly 700 people came together at the Columbus Athenaeum to celebrate Ohio artists, arts organizations, arts patrons, business supporters, and other leaders in the arts. Nine individuals and organizations received Governor's Awards and Karen Waldbillig Kasich received the William R. Joseph Ohio Arts Advocacy Medal.

**CHECK OUT THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PHOTO ALBUM**

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**NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS  
FOR OHIO POET LAUREATE**

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**2017 *POL* NATIONAL FINALS IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Madeleine Schroeder, a senior at Columbus Alternative High School, competed in the 2017 *Poetry Out Loud* (*POL*) National Finals at the Lisner Auditorium in Washington, D.C., on April 25. Congratulations to Maddy for her efforts!

**INFO ON *POL* NATIONAL  
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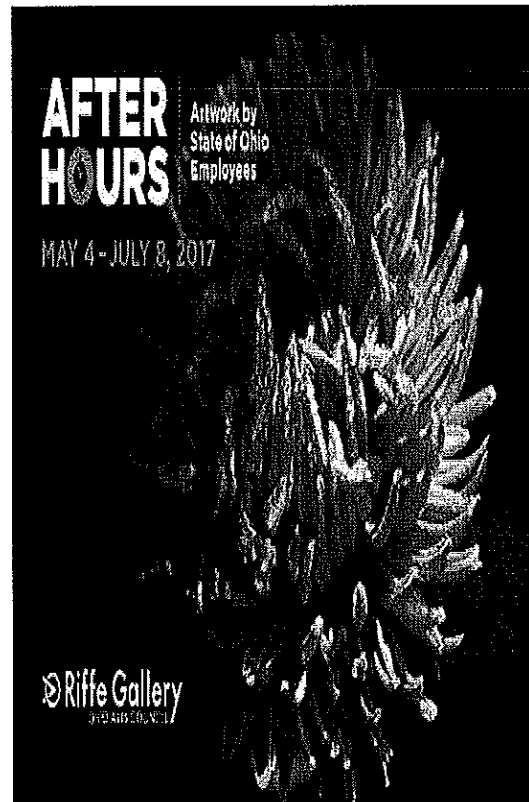
Do you know a great poet? The Ohio Poet Laureate has the opportunity to foster the art of poetry and encourage literacy and learning. Position guidelines are available online. Nominations are being accepted now through July 5.

**NOMINATE TODAY**



#### **WHEN MARKETING ISN'T ENOUGH**

Christy Farnbauch, director of innovation and engagement, reflects on a recent workshop and shares her thoughts on improving the customer experience to keep people coming back.



#### **AFTER HOURS EXHIBITION OPEN**

Modeled after the OAC Riffe Gallery's 1989 exhibition showcasing the work of Vern Riffe Center employees, this exhibition features artwork by 43 public servants across Ohio. The exhibition is display through July 8.



## CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE BLOG

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## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### **Click. Click. Done: Developing Your Google Analytics Skills**

Today: Ceci Dadisman and Drew McManus will take us through the nuts and bolts of metrics to better understand the reporting tools inside Google Analytics. All attendees will receive step-by-step guides for creating custom reports, copies of all presentation materials, and the chance to implement skills in real time. There's still time to [register](#)!

### **Game Changed: DIY Video Editing on a Smartphone**

June 22, 1:30 p.m.: Join Beth Menduni to learn to edit your video message with Adobe Spark's FREE video editing app. This informational webinar will teach you how to edit photos and videos into a story and post them on social media. This is a must attend session for organizations and individual artists on a shoestring budget wanting to increase their DIY skills. [Register](#) today!

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FOR ARTISTS | Upcoming Grant Deadlines

**JUNE 1 = A**

- Artists with Disabilities Access Program (ADAP) - Individuals | Support for Individual Artists with Disabilities
- Artists with Disabilities Access Program (ADAP) - Organizations | Support for the Organizations that Serve Artists with Disabilities

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**JUNE 1**

- Building Cultural Diversity (BCD) | Supports new and emerging organizations whose mission, programs, staff and board represent culturally diverse communities
- Capacity Building (CB) | Support for organizations' efforts to improve business practices, or add new knowledge and skills that forward organizations' missions

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## FOR ALL | Deadlines & Dates to Remember

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**Happening in the OAC Riffe Gallery**

Drop-in during lunch for **FREE** workshops

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June 22: Game Changed: DIY Video

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July 19: Summer Board Meeting

with artists featured in the *After Hours* exhibition. All levels welcome!

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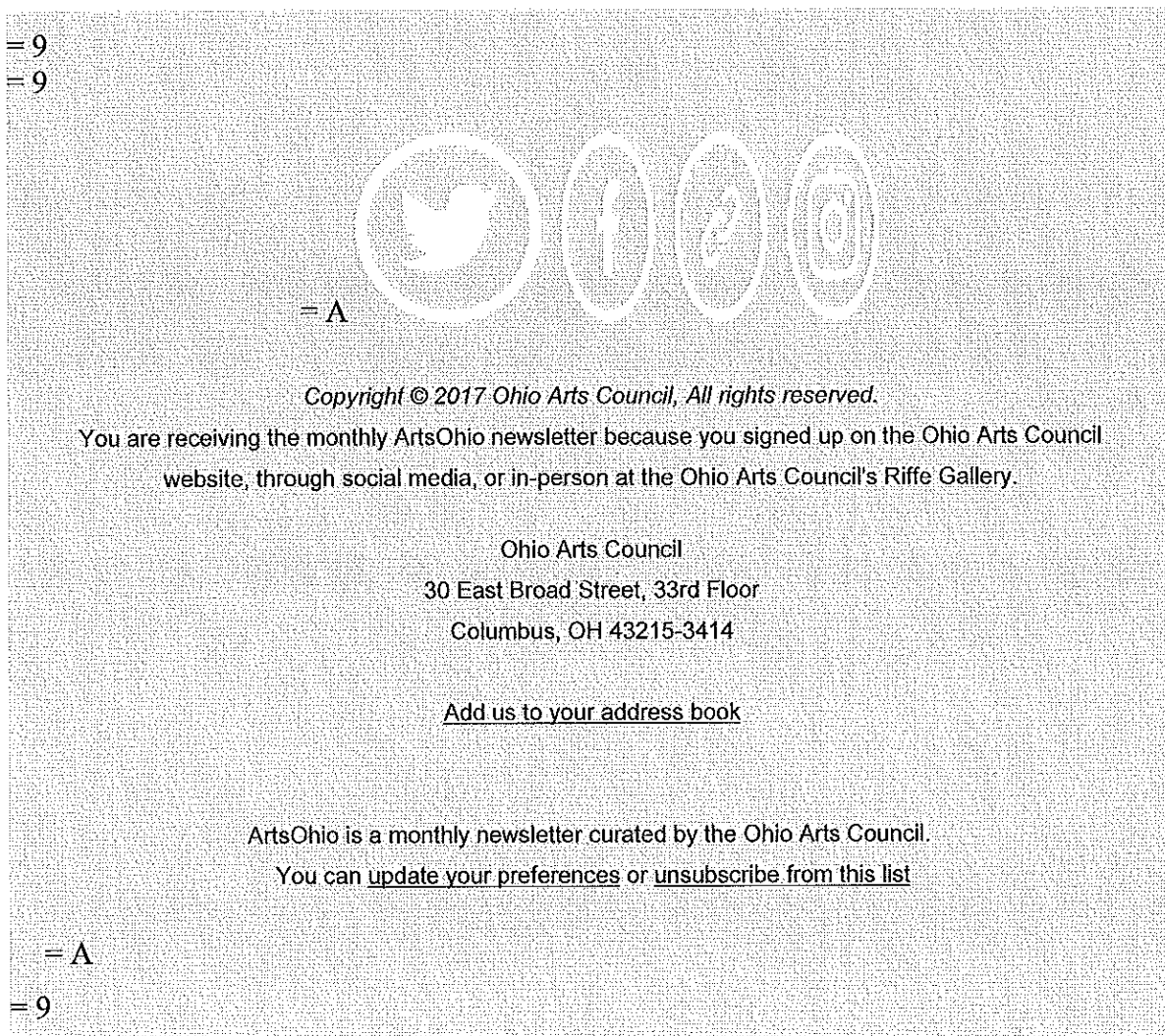
May 25: Polymer Clay Sculptures

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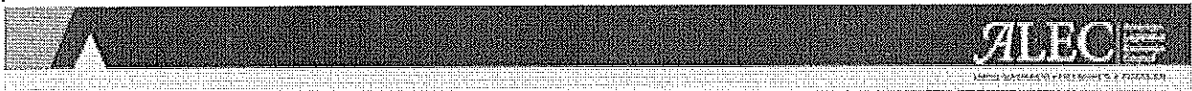
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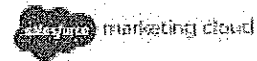


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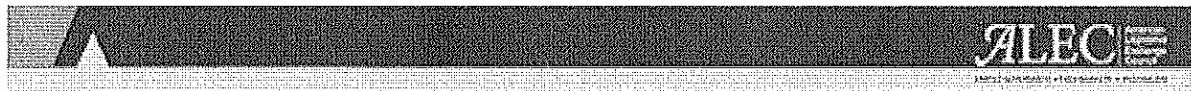
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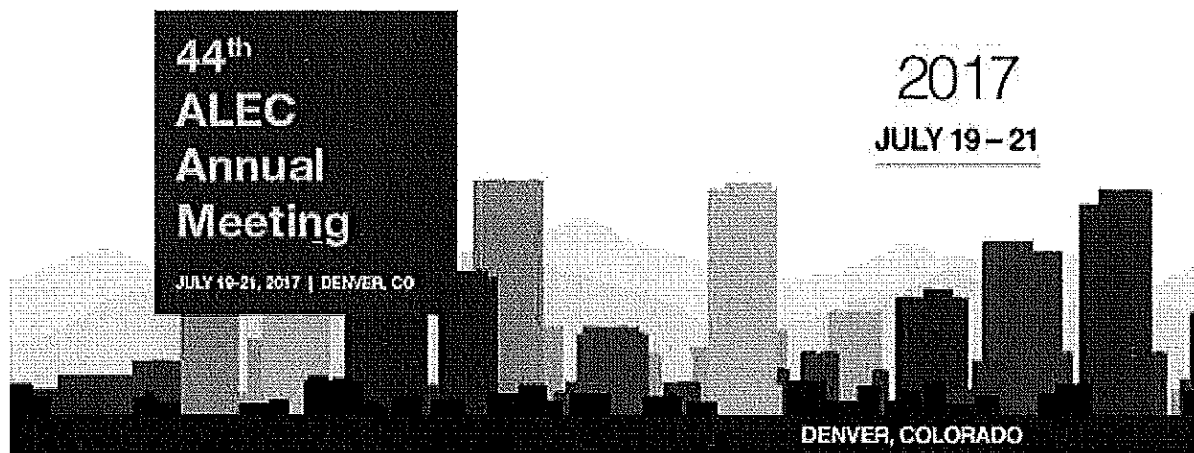
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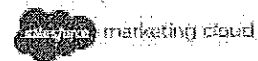


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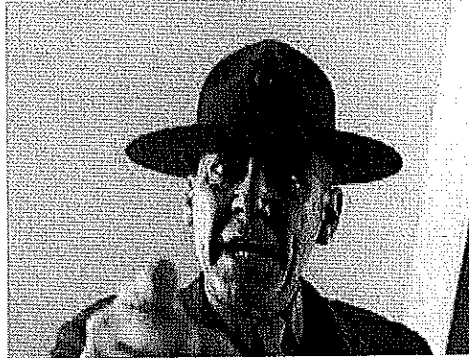
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Building Blocks for Liberty presents their 33rd Constitution Boot Camp at the EmpowerU studio with lunch provided by American's for Prosperity.

You have been asking for us to hold a Boot Camp in Hamilton county so we are holding number 33 in Springdale on June 17th, THEN we are holding number 34 in Sycamore Township on July 22nd !

The Boot Camp is a six-hour workshop, with a break for lunch, which outlines the key concepts and ideas of the Constitution in simple, easy to understand terms. It is appropriate for teenage students and older.

Topics to be covered include:

- How did the Founders view government?
- What are Natural Law and Natural Rights?
- What is the difference between a Republic and a Democracy?

- How do you use the Federalist Papers to understand the U.S. Constitution?
- What is Nullification?

Boot Camp participants receive a binder with the presentation, 2 handbooks, The Federalist Papers and The Handbook For We the People, plus a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution and LUNCH !

**All for a donation of just \$25 ! Additional family members can attend for just \$5 each. We have a limited number of scholarships available for Students.**

These Constitution Boot Camps equip people with the tools and resources necessary to enable them to be confident in their abilities to understand and apply the U.S. Constitution to all facets of government.

Who should attend our Boot Camp? Senior Citizens, Home School Students, Teachers, Law Enforcement Officials, Government Officials and anyone who just wants a refresher on the Constitution!

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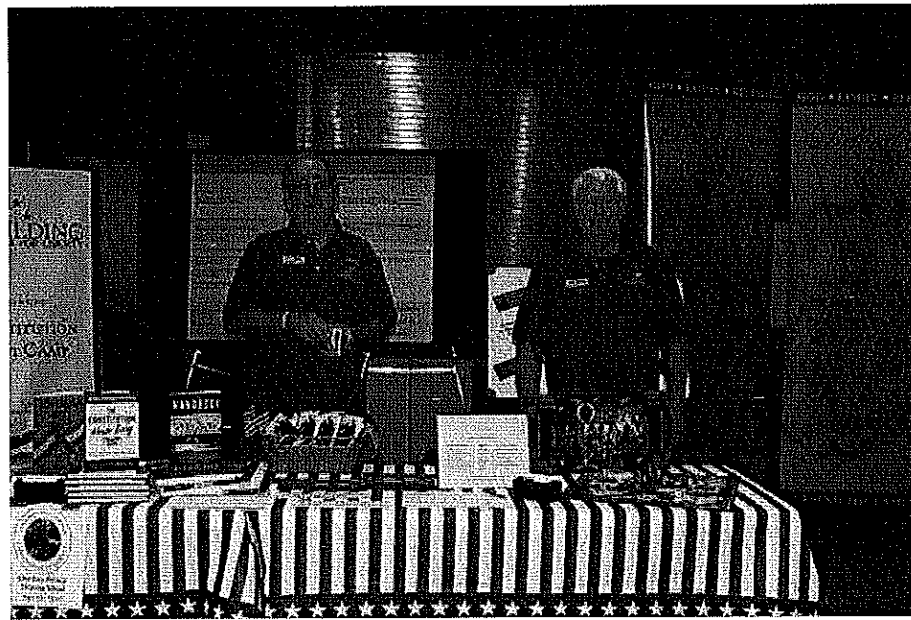


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## **Who is Building Blocks for Liberty?**

Building Blocks for Liberty is an Ohio registered non-profit educational organization dedicated to the preservation of the U.S. Constitution by teaching others the importance of this historical document that governs our nation.

Building Blocks for Liberty is the brainchild of Marines Jim Lewis and John Hindery.



***Jim Lewis (left) and John Hindery (right)***



In the United States Marine Corp, Jim and John spent four years defending the United States and the Constitution they took an oath to uphold and protect. As American citizens, they became increasingly alarmed as they watched in astonishment the endless attacks on the liberties of Americans by an overreaching government. Determined to stop the daily barrage of misinformation, the two men decided to combine their love of history with a desire to educate the public the truth about the Constitution, and developed the unique teaching partnership now known as Building Blocks for Liberty.

The first Constitution class began in 2011 as a 10 week course and met once-a-week. Due to the time commitment required, many who wanted to attend could not. However, people were able to attend a more compact, one-day version of this popular course, so, in 2013; the first "Boot Camp" was born.

In July of 2014, Building Blocks for Liberty (BBFL) was incorporated to be an organizational umbrella. Its mission is to educate people about the truth of the Constitution

To date, BBFL has taught over 30 Constitution Boot Camps in southern Ohio, including Columbus, Xenia and Dayton, SE Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Using materials provided by BBFL, this class is now being taught as far away as Texas.

BBFL's goal is to start an online class to reach an

even broader audience, allowing easy access to the presentation where individuals can study it one module at a time and complete the class at their own pace. BBFL is currently working to make this study available on DVDs.

Here are the logistics for **CBC XXXIII** :

**Location: EmpowerU Studio**

**Address: 225 Northland Blvd, Springdale, OH, 45246**

**Date: SATURDAY, June 17, 2017**

**Time: 10:00 AM to 4 PM**

**NOTE there is a time change for this class !**

To get directions go here:

**Directions To Boot Camp**

**To Register For This Class**

For information go to **Constitution Boot Camp XXXIII**

## BBFL

For more information on  
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**~Thomas Jefferson**

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## **TOP NEWS** May 26, 2017

### **How Trump's health budget would impact states**

*Governing*

Medicaid, children's health insurance and chronic disease programs would be first to feel the weight of the president's proposals.

### **Wisconsin seeks to be first to drug test Medicaid applicants**

*Associated Press*

Gov. Scott Walker wants to make Wisconsin the first state in the country to require childless adults applying for Medicaid to undergo drug screening, a move that could serve as a national model. **NCSL research cited.**

### **Lawsuit asks judge to block Kentucky's right-to-work law**

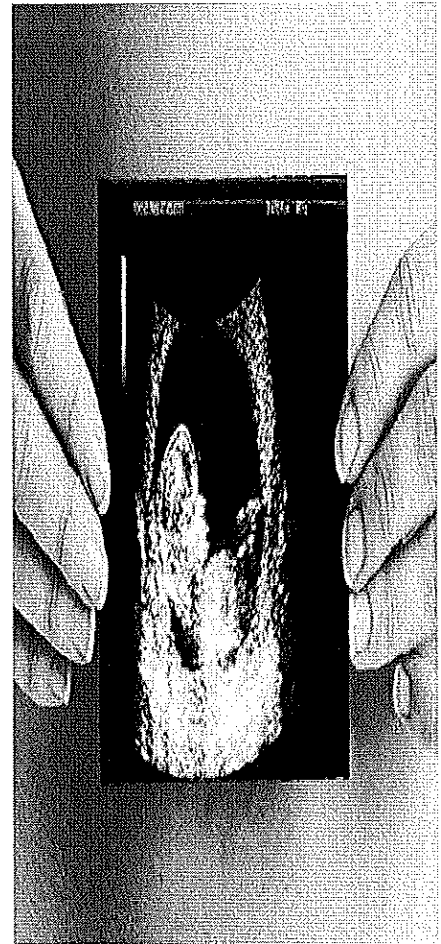
*Associated Press*

Organized labor struck back Thursday against Kentucky's right-to-work law, filing a lawsuit that claims the ban on mandatory union fees in workplaces violates the state's Constitution.

### **Montana revenues are falling behind projections**

*The Missoulian*

State tax collections are 3.8 percent lower than legislators predicted when they built the two-year budget, which could trigger cuts to programs and services at the end of fiscal year 2017.



HEAVYWEIGHT

### **State Legislatures magazine: Walking a tightrope**

States are balancing the rights of addicted women with the health needs of their developing babies.

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## **Indiana lawmakers to study state's alcohol laws**

*Associated Press*

Legislative leaders formally announced Thursday that they will form a study commission to look at ways to overhaul Indiana's antiquated and confounding alcohol laws.

## **Departing from 'sanctuary cities,' some sheriffs embrace immigration enforcement role**

*Stateline*

A variety of local officials, from conservative sheriffs in Texas to a liberal county executive in New Jersey, are embracing a vigorous form of local immigration enforcement.

## **Register for Legislative Summit by June 1 to get the Early Bird rate**

## **Plugged In energy newsletter**

## **Child welfare newsletter**



## **State Legislatures magazine: Big data can work for you**

Some say the only thing governments are good at is collecting taxes. Truth is, they're even better at collecting data. They collect so much, in fact, that the challenge for states is figuring out how best to use it all, as NCSL's Allison Hiltz reports in this month's State Legislatures magazine.



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## Agenda



Do not miss this great workshop that could have a positive impact in your state!

### **Expanding Access to Dental Care in Medicaid through Market-Based Solutions**

*"With the opportunity for states to transition to alternative Medicaid financing arrangements like block grants, determining market-based reforms for public programs has never been more important. Join health care experts as they discuss best practices to address access to dental care in Medicaid programs, while offering solutions for state policymakers to consider implementing in their state."*

In case you missed it...

Join Governor Matt Bevin (KY), the Honorable Jim DeMint, Mr. Steve Forbes and more at the ALEC Annual Meeting!

**Please stay tuned for Annual Meeting agenda updates and more speaker announcements coming soon!**

### **Don't forget to make your hotel reservation!**

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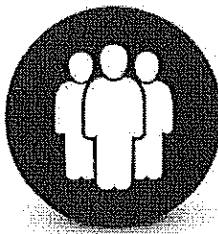
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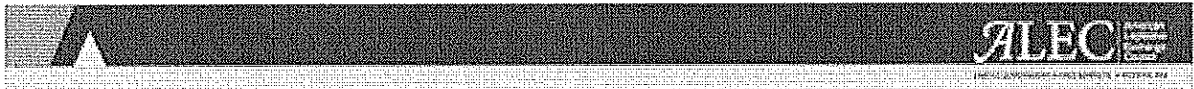
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The Trump agenda has been met with strong—if not reflexive—opposition. On a daily basis, it seems the intensity has been turned up on absolutely everything. Free expression is under attack on college campuses; news media is being silenced by pressure campaigns targeting advertisers and legislators. For this reason, ALEC launched a new center, The Center to Protect Free Speech, in January. The purpose of the Center is to educate legislators and concerned citizens regarding the importance of free speech and promoting policies that ensure the ability for all to speak freely—even dissenters.

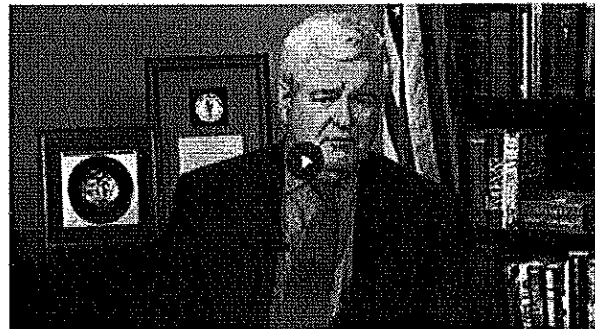
The vitriol is a lot to process. It is hard to understand, but as a part of the ALEC family, you know it's nothing new. What you see today is chapter and verse from the anti-ALEC playbook of old. **It is the same people and organizations implementing exactly the same tactics on new targets.** Listen for instance to this April 20 NPR broadcast with Color of Change Executive Director Rashad Robinson where he takes credit for the ouster of Bill O'Reilly—not on the grounds of the accusations against him, but because of Robinson's effective campaign execution.

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I hope you will order the book and engage in the process. Like President Trump we all have to stay focused on advancing our ideals of limited government, free markets and federalism.

Over the Memorial Day weekend I had the pleasure of paying a visit to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and was reminded of the thinking, 45 years ago when ALEC was founded, that discourse between American businesses and policymakers was a positive force for good. This thinking helped to foster a dialogue of how government can provide the necessary guiderails but stay out of the way to help businesses flourish.

If you have concerns about the current anti-corporate, anti-conservative protest landscape, please think of ALEC as a resource. ALEC weathered the storm and emerged stronger than before. We can provide you with the playbook, what to expect and how to navigate the challenges.

The challenges that meet the free market agenda are many, but we are also many. Their goal is to divide us—to diminish the strength of our network and keep us from working together. We can't let that happen. If we do, the result—as we've seen before—is an over-regulated, economically depressed America that takes advantage of taxpayers and delivers minimal gain. And, that is not the America Reagan often preached about.

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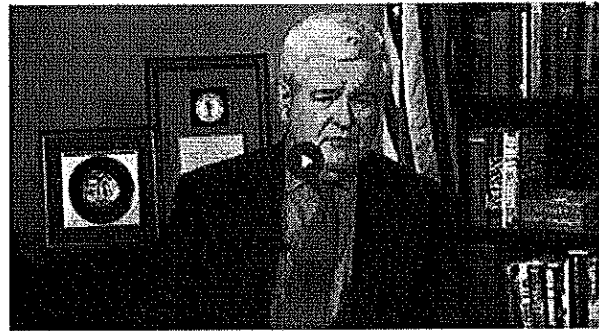
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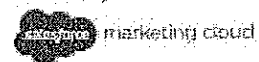
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## Appalachian Communities Could Benefit Significantly from Hydraulic Fracturing

According to a report released in May 2017 by the American Chemistry Council (ACC), the Appalachian regions of Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia is on its way to becoming a petrochemical and plastic-resin manufacturing hub. ACC projects the region will experience a \$35 billion increase in investment spending and the addition of 100,000 permanent jobs by 2025. All this is due to the hydraulic fracturing, commonly called "fracking," revolution, which has made the region's massive shale gas deposits available for development.

Of the 100,000 new jobs that are projected, 25,000 are in "chemical and plastic products" manufacturing, 43,000 in "supplier industries," and another 32,000 are in "payroll-induced" jobs in communities where workers spend their wages." The study also estimates federal, state, and local tax revenues would increase by \$2.9 billion over the same period.

"The Appalachian region has distinct benefits that could make it a major petrochemical and plastic resin-producing zone," said ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley in a [press release](#) accompanying the study. One of these benefits being its "proximity to a world-class supply of raw materials from the Marcellus/Utica and Rogersville shale formations."

A [paper](#) from the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), also released in May 2017, has found "the fracking boom of the post 2005 period led to sizable improvements in the earnings potential of non-college educated men in counties located over geological shale plays."

Specifically, \$1,000 per capita of fracking production causes a 6 percent increase in average earnings for males employed outside of the oil and natural-gas industries, including a 2.9 percent increase for non-college-educated men, as well as a 2 percent increase in the total number of jobs for both college-educated and non-college-educated men.

The NBER report reinforces the findings made by researchers from the University of Chicago, Princeton University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2016. In their study, communities near shale basins were examined, and the researchers found hydraulic-fracturing activity brought \$1,300 to \$1,900 in annual benefits to local households, including “a 7 percent increase in average income, driven by rises in wages and royalty payments, a 10 percent increase in employment, and a 6 percent increase in housing prices.”

According to Heartland Policy Analyst Tim Benson’s recent *Research & Commentary* on hydraulic fracturing, the fracking process has transformed the energy outlook of the United States over the past decade, and the rise of shale gas as a replacement for coal has been primarily responsible for the “United States now enjoying its lowest level of carbon-dioxide emissions since 1989. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), fracking now accounts for 51 percent of all U.S. crude oil production. EIA also estimates the continuing switch of electricity-generation fuels to fracking-produced natural gas is responsible for 63 percent of the drop in U.S. energy-related carbon-dioxide emissions over the past decade.” = 2

Of course, the benefits of fracking, including those projected by ACC in its study, can only exist if the fracking industry is protected from misguided and shortsighted attempts to ban it or overregulate it out of existence - attempts based completely on unscientific claims about fracking’s alleged environmental dangers.

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## WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

### Budget & Tax

#### Research & Commentary: Michigan Considers Moving to 401(k)s for Teachers

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines a proposed pension reform plan in Michigan that would move all new teachers to a 401(k)-style defined-contribution plan. “Michigan’s effort to move state workers into a defined-contribution pension plan is an important step toward solidifying the state’s financial future. Defined-contribution plans give retirees direct control over retirement and make it possible for them to move in and out of the private sector without losing their accrued pension benefits. This allows governments to budget more accurately, because benefits are paid directly to employees and are firmly set each year,” wrote Glans. Read more

### Education

#### Research & Commentary: Special-Needs ESAs Would Be a Great First Step for Maine

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In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson writes about a proposal in Maine that would establish an education savings account (ESA) program for students with special needs. Under the program, ESAs could be used to pay for tuition and fees at private and parochial schools, as well for textbooks, tutoring services by a certified teacher, online courses, educational therapies, and transportation costs. Additionally, ESAs could be used to cover the fees required to take national standardized achievement tests, such as the SAT and ACT. Benson writes that legislators should give serious consideration to what ESAs could mean for families with disabled children, as it would give more Maine families a greater opportunity to meet each child's unique education needs. [Read more](#)

### Energy & Environment

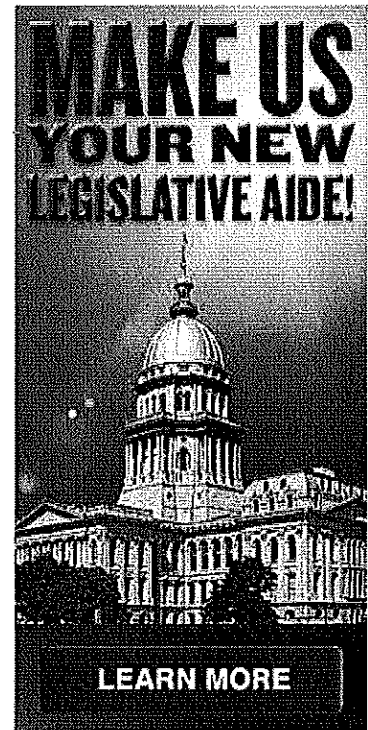
#### Research & Commentary: Peer-Reviewed Study Says Hydraulic Fracturing Not Responsible for Groundwater Contamination in West Virginia

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson writes about a new peer-reviewed study led by researchers at Duke University that found hydraulic fracturing, commonly called "fracking," has not led to groundwater contamination in 112 drinking-water wells in Tyler and Hall Counties in northwestern West Virginia. Benson notes the existing peer-reviewed evidence, which this study adds to, shows hydraulic-fracturing processes do not have a systemic impact on groundwater. Benson writes since 2010, at least 18 of these studies have been produced, and they're reinforced by the Environmental Protection Agency's own \$29 million, six-year study of fracking's impact on groundwater sources, which failed to find any systemic impact caused by the 110,000 oil and natural gas wells that have been in use across the country since 2011. Benson notes drilling is currently being conducted in hundreds of locations in West Virginia in a safe and responsible manner, and federal, state, and local governments have tested thousands of sites nationwide for fracking-linked pollution of groundwater or drinking-water resources, as well as for air-quality issues. He argues there is no scientific justification for banning hydraulic fracturing or overregulating it out of existence. [Read more](#)

### Health Care

#### Heartland Daily Podcast: Dr. Stryker, Dr. Bizier: Let Doctors and Patients, Not Insurers, Decide Treatment

In this edition of the *Heartland Daily Podcast*, two doctors describe an incident in which a government official without medical training relied on information from Wikipedia to let



### POLICY NEWSPAPER



The June issue of *Environment & Climate News* offers extensive wrap-up coverage of The Heartland Institute's Twelfth International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC-12). More than a dozen articles cover the panels and keynote addresses delivered during the conference, held March 23–24 in Washington, DC. The conference addressed a wide range of topics, including the need to [reset U.S. climate policy](#), the